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File Code: 2820

Date: June 8, 2011

Mr. Roger Bankert
Chief, Branch of Minerals
Utah State Office of the BLM
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Salt Lake City, UT 84145

Dear Mr. Bankert:

After reviewing the proposal to modify the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan and the subsequent lease to Canyon Fuel Company, LLC operating SUFCO Mine, the Fishlake and Manti-LaSal National Forests consent to this modification. The minor mine plan modification is specifically to subside, by longwall mining, the area referred to as the 2Right 2South A Longwall panel block, in lease U-63214.

We do have significant concerns on the potential for subsidence mining under the South Fork of Quitcupah Creek to lead to de watering of the creek. We will continue to work with SUFCO Mine through their monitoring and mitigation plan, and the appropriate permitting processes of the Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining, to address our concerns.

Sincerely,

ALLEN ROWLEY
Forest Supervisor
Fishlake National Forest

PAMELA E. BROWN
Forest Supervisor
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